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Dear Colleagues,

This edition of the ECE News Update provides information about the ECE pilots, Design Teams, ECE office hours, and the ECE agenda item at this week's Commission meeting.

ECE Agenda Item Friday, February 12, 2021

Staff will be presenting an update on the work relating to the PDG-R grant and the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care at the upcoming Commission meeting on Friday morning, February 12, 2021. The agenda as well as the ECE update agenda item can be accessed on the Commission's website here:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2021-02/february-2021-commission-meeting>. The ECE item is number 3F on the agenda for Friday morning. The link above also provides information about how to watch the meeting live and how to make a public comment on agenda items at the meeting for those wishing to provide input or comments to the Commission about any agenda item. Special note: During this agenda item, members of the Master Plan Committee will be presenting information to the Commission about the Master Plan and its relationship to Commission work. We hope you will be able to watch the meeting live, but for those who cannot, the meeting video will be available for watching after the meeting.

ECE Pilots Update

As noted in the Insert for agenda item 3F (see above), 51 institutions of higher education have enrolled in the ECE pilots. A warm welcome to all of these institutions! A focused email to the participating institutions with more information about the pilot procedures and how to recommend candidates for the permit is currently under development and will be sent as soon as these materials are ready. For institutions/programs interested in enrolling in the pilots that haven't done so yet, you can still enroll at any point during the year. Those enrolling after the initial February 1, 2021 time frame will be officially counted as PDG-R year 2 participants but can be accepted into and begin implementing the pilot activities at any time between now and early next year (2022).

ECE Design Teams

Thank you to everyone who applied to serve on one or both of the upcoming ECE Design Teams under the PDG-R grants. We regret that we could not accommodate everyone who applied, as we had more qualified applications than available member spaces. Letters of appointment have gone out, and further information about the first meetings of the respective Design Teams (Program Quality Peer Review and ECE Teaching Performance Assessment) will be sent soon to the Design Team members.

ECE "Office Hours"

We would like to establish "office hours" for the ECE preparer community. This would be dedicated time on a dedicated connection when those of you with questions, comments, or other information needs can receive technical assistance from an ECE team member. We are considering a variety of possible dates and times, and will shortly release a Doodle poll for your input as to the best time to hold office hours. Please note that you are always welcome to contact us at any time by emailing ECE@ctc.ca.gov, and we are always happy to hear from you.

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